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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Conversation With [] NSA Concerning Signals
Intelligence Protection Provision in the Proposed
Legislative Program

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1. On 18 September 1984, I spoke with [] Office of General Counsel/NSA, concerning NSA's proposal which provides civil remedies for unauthorized disclosures of signals intelligence information. NSA would like to see this initiative included in the Intelligence Community legislative program for the upcoming session of Congress. I had earlier spoken with Al and informed him that the Agency was somewhat reluctant to include this provision in the legislative program without ensuring that the proposal had been discussed and coordinated with the Department of Justice (DOJ).

2. Al informed me that NSA had, in fact, provided Richard Willard, Acting Chief, Civil Division, DOJ, with a copy of the proposal last year when it was originally drafted. Mr. Willard, at that time, stated that he would be supportive of this initiative and did not otherwise indicate any DOJ objections to the proposal. It also should be noted that this same provision was included in last year's legislative program, which was provided for review to DOJ through OMB, and DOJ did not offer any objections to the inclusion of this proposal in the Intelligence Community program at that time. In response to Al's question as to whether this was sufficient coordination with DOJ for our purposes, I informed Al that I would pass this information on and would call him if any additional coordination with Justice was required.

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